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Shooting arrows like Cupid

Jason Reay encourages his seven-year-old grandson, Rev Hutchings, as he takes aim at a target at Abbey Gardens' annual Cupid's Carnival on Saturday, Feb. 11. Kids and young-at-heart adults enjoyed a slew of events to take part in. From outdoor skating and archery to tobogganing and selfies with ponies, there was lots to do (and eat!).

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Koshlong Lake Road to close this week for bridge work

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Koshlong Lake Road in Dysart will temporarily close Feb. 16. The thoroughfare will close starting 7

a.m. to allow for a temporary bridge to be installed. Dysart officials say the closure will last until about 8 p.m.

Then again, a notice on the township's website indicates the road will be closed as long it takes to complete the work.

"Users of Koshlong Lake Road should

plan accordingly as they will not be able to access Koshlong Lake properties or Gelert Road during this road closure," reads the notice posted on the town's website.

It is anticipated the temporary bridge system on Koshlong Lake Bridge will

remain in place until engineering is completed on a permanent replacement structure.

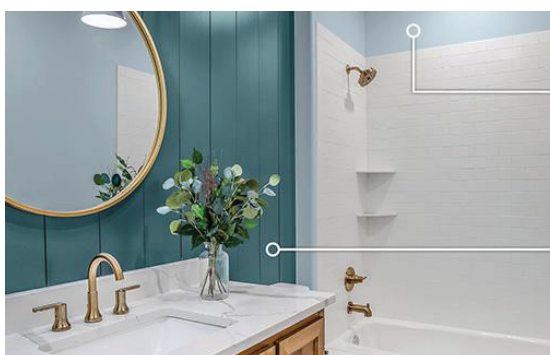
During a routine inspection late last year, engineers found a broken timber girder on the bridge that spans the Burnt

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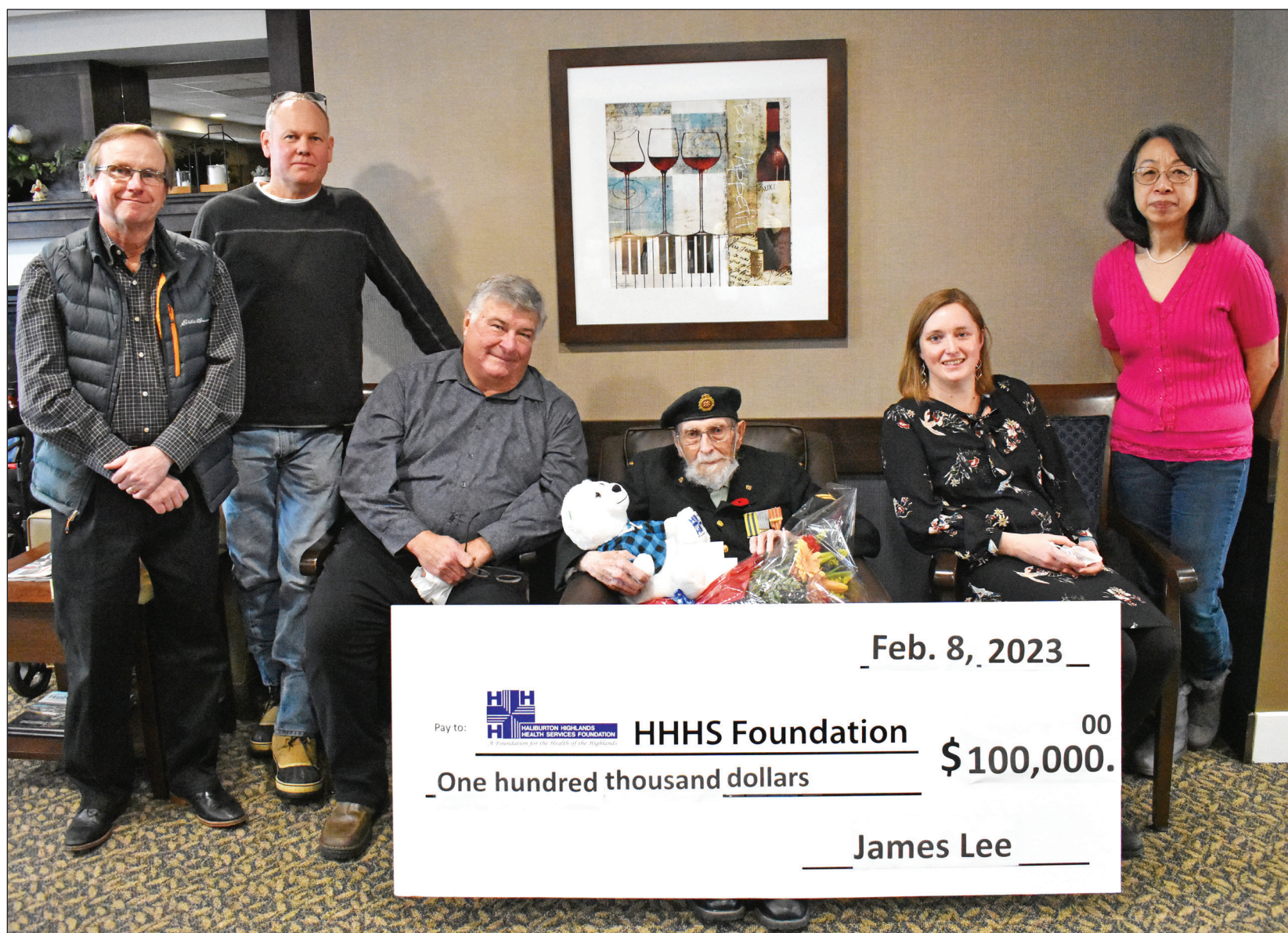


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HHHSF receives generous donation

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation received a donation of \$100,000 from Korean War veteran and Gardens of Haliburton resident James Lee during a presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Gardens of Haliburton. HHHSF board members David Blodgett, from left, David Zilstra, Eric Recalla, Melanie Klodt-Wong, and Susannah Moylan attended the presentation along with friends and family of Lee. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Fatal snowmobile collision

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal snowmobile collision in the Township of Algonquin Highlands in Haliburton County.

On Feb. 10, at approximately 10:40 p.m., officers and emergency services responded to a report of a single snowmobile collision into a tree on an Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club (OFSC) Trail between Little Hawk Lake and Big Hawk Lake in the Township of Algonquin Highlands. The lone rider was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The deceased has been identified as a 37-year-old male of Lancaster, New York, United States of America.

OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists are assisting with the investigation.

Anyone with any information in relation to this investigation is asked to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands OPP

Temporary bridge to be installed on Thursday

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River. The bridge is a little north of Tippy's Trail and was built in 1960.

Because of that troubled timber, engineers reduced the load limit of the bridge that spans Burnt River to seven tonnes. That reduced load limits the size of vehicles and equipment able to traverse the bridge.

Dysart municipal council approved on Jan. 24 the installation of a temporary bridge system. An oversized crane will install the new temporary bridge system, weighing 29 tonnes, overtop of the existing bridge.

Along with the safety requirements of the crane lifting large sections of the bridge over the river and time to connect the sections together, there will be numerous support vehicles and personnel on site, requiring Koshlong Lake Road to be completely closed throughout the day.

It was also during that Jan. 24 meeting that some Dysart residents dependent on the Koshlong Lake bridge expressed fear they have been put in danger by load limits to the bridge.

Affected residents expressed to council their fears the weight restrictions have put property owners at greater risk in the event of power outages, forest fires, ice storms, and house fires.

Vehicles and equipment necessary to respond to such incidents weigh more than the bridge's load limit. Many people may not be able to have heating propane delivered or have their septic tanks pumped.

Even snowclearing is hampered as plows are not allowed to cross the bridge.

As to when the temporary bridge can be removed to accommodate a permanent solution, council will have a staff report in the coming weeks that will offer details about what may be done to return full operation of the bridge.

"It is anticipated the temporary bridge system on Koshlong Lake Bridge will remain in place until engineering is completed on a permanent replacement structure," town officials said.

"The temporary bridge system will become part of Dysart's assets and could be deployed in other locations, should the need arise."

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Dysart's third draft of budget has 2.34% levy increase

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The third draft of Dysart's municipal budget has ratepayers facing a 2.34 per cent increase to their tax bill this year.

That increase will give residential taxpayers a bill for \$316.07 for every \$100,000 of their home's assessed value. That's a change of \$7.22 more than last year's bill. Basically, it's about one less meal deal at a fast-food establishment this year.

Commercial ratepayers will pay \$10.71 more than last year. That means a bill of \$468.64 for every \$100,000 assessed. And industrial tax bills will be \$543.04 for an increase of \$12.41 over the 2022 levy.

The education levy will remain unchanged from last year's rate. Haliburton County has yet to determine what its tax levy will be.

Barbara Swannell, the township's treasurer, tabled the latest draft of the municipal operating and capital spending blueprint when council met Feb. 10.

Council will formally accept the proposed budget when it meets Feb. 28.

The first attempt to ink the town's budget took place Dec. 9 with a first draft that proposed a tax levy increase of 8.9 per cent. The current 2.34 per cent increase is in line with what was proposed in the second draft in January.

Swannell said there's still quite a bit of work to be done that was planned in 2022. But a minimal deficit is anticipated.

"We have since learned that a surplus under road maintenance, we're looking at about \$283,000," she said. "It will help to mitigate some of the cost overrun in our landfill."

The net deficit for the landfill is about \$338,000.

"So the surplus under roads is primarily with the snowplowing," Swannell said, and added that surplus is about \$135,000.

Money that was earmarked to correct road washouts wasn't all used, either. There's about \$140,000 for that left over from last year. And coin put in the 2022 purse for road patching and ditching has a \$78,000 surplus.

But the picture isn't as rosy in the accounting for landfill operations.

Landfill operations has a net deficit for \$338,000 and contract services for handling construction and demolition waste went over by about \$400,000.

The total levy for 2023 is a little more than \$11-million. About 95 per cent of that money is from residential property taxes. The remaining five per cent is from commercial/industrial ratepayers.

The township will draw about \$1.8-million from reserves this year, Swannell said.

"That essentially is reflective of the increased capital budget in 2023 of just under \$2-million," she said.

The primary reserve fund increased by \$1.6 million last year for a balance of \$5.6 million. Just under \$1.8 million will be used in 2023 to finish at \$3.08 million.

"And that's, of course, depending whether we put more in the reserves from other areas," Mayor Murray Fearrey said.

Swannell agreed.

"So it looks bad, but it's not really that bad," he said.

Swannell said there'll be a \$568,100 contribution to the reserve fund in 2023.

"We've kind of contained that for 2023, recognizing additional costs and so forth, and trying to present a reasonable tax increase in these tough economic times," she said.

An additional \$250,000 was added to the third draft of the budget for bridge work on Koshlong Lake Road. Previous drafts had \$100,000 earmarked for engineering work. Swannell said the cash will come from capital roads reserve.

That, according to basic math, brings the bridge project on Koshlong Lake Road to \$350,000.

The complete tab for capital projects

this year will run just above \$2.4 million.

A point of interest is that 36 per cent of tax dollars go toward transportation

needs. That's the greatest single use of tax money in Dysart et al.

Business confidence at record low in Ontario

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) has released the results of its Business Confidence Survey, which shows that business confidence in the province has dropped to a record low of 16 per cent in 2023. This marks a significant decrease from 29 per cent in 2022, and the most pessimistic outlook since the OCC began tracking business confidence over a decade ago.

The survey results indicate that inflation and labour shortages are the main drivers of the lack of confidence among businesses.

The continued upward pressure on costs and interest rates, as well as the difficulty in hiring and retaining workers, have strained businesses and individuals. Supply chain barriers and global economic uncertainty, as well as policy-related reasons such as staffing shortages in the health care system, are also contributing to the low confidence.

Small businesses are less confident in Ontario's economic outlook than medium-sized and large enterprises, with a gap that grew during the pandemic. The reasons for their lack of confidence differ from those of large businesses, with small businesses more concerned about input

costs, taxes, and the phaseout of temporary COVID-19 government support programs.

Confidence also varies significantly across sectors, with information and cultural industries, retail trade, and wholesale trade being the least confident. On the other hand, sectors with higher confidence, such as utilities, administrative, and waste management services, have been shielded from the economic headwinds faced by other industries. Confidence is higher on average in metropolitan areas, namely Toronto and Ottawa, compared to rural communities.

Despite the low confidence in the economy, businesses remain optimistic about the outlook of their own organizations. 53 per cent of organizations are confident in their own success, which reflects the perception that businesses have greater control over their own success than that of the broader economy.

For further information read the full report here: infoqram.com/oer-2023-report-1hxj48pd90gx52v?live.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

Invitation to HHLTC town meeting

The Haliburton Highlands LTC Coalition is pleased to invite you to attend a town hall meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

"Together we can fight back against the Ford Government's plan to privatize our local, public hospitals."

Guests, Natalie Mehra, Executive Director of the Ontario Health Coalition and Nurse Bernie Robinson, President of the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) will defend the need to protect our public health care system and find solutions to the current staffing and health care cri-

sis. Strategies will be shared about the upcoming massive, province-wide campaign to stop privatization, and how you can become involved.

For more information, email hhlcccoalition@gmail.com or call Bonnie Roe 705-457-6579.

To register, go to: us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZctd-2prTMrHdIE-Vqj13f0acQ74TMEJfbW5.

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You may have seen the recent Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online in December. Over the next few months, we will use this space to provide details about the findings of this survey and how it assists us in making decisions for the development of tourism in Haliburton County. In this second installment of six, we look at community-based tourism – what it is and why it matters.

Community-based tourism is one of the most significant parts of the tourism industry and key to destination sustainability. Despite their importance, communities are often overlooked in tourism, something we are looking to change here in Haliburton County. We believe tourism should serve as a tool to improve destination development and locals' quality of life.

The Destination Management Plan (DMP), supported by the recent RSS and the answers we received as part of it, identified community-based tourism as a way to sustainably and responsibly build the Haliburton Highlands as a year-round destination, encouraging deeper connections between residents (both permanent and seasonal) and visitors, while also promoting environmental protection, social responsibility, and the enhancement of livelihoods.

Research shows that visitors don't return to the same destination to feel like tourists. They return because they want to feel like they're part of a community. They are also looking for authentic experiences that create benefits locally. Optimizing a visitor's connection with the local community is the foundation for any DMP, and it is integral to the community-based tourism model that we are working to implement.

Some of the benefits of this type of model are:

- Facilitates local employment
- Directly benefits locals financially
- Is relatively easy to develop with the right network
- Creates and empowers resilient and strong communities
- And many more

In the RSS, one of the questions centred on what activities respondents had engaged with in the Haliburton Highlands over the last 12 months. Going out to a restaurant or bar, visiting local shops, using lakes and waterways, using a trail, and visiting an artist studio were among the top results, which is no surprise. These are also the activities visitors to our community appreciate and engage in. The community-based tourism model amplifies, enhances, supports, and builds upon these common interests.

Here are a couple of comments we received as part of the RSS that support involving the community more as we look to grow and enhance the visitor economy in a responsible manner:

"The Haliburton Highlands need to put a lot of effort into finding its identity and getting residents to understand & appreciate the value of visitor tourism. Haliburton feels like a county that doesn't really know what it is. Residents need to understand that they are an important part of making Haliburton a destination. People make the place what it is; people make Haliburton."

"I think the Highlands is a wonderful treasure, and we need to be careful to develop the tourism with long term sustainability (both ecologically and from a business sense) in mind." People want to visit a destination for the exact same reasons that people want to live in a destination. Only through deep development of Haliburton County as a year-round tourism destination in concert with the community can meaningful competitive advantages be developed.



Stay tuned for more details on the survey feedback, including what we've learned and how we plan to put that information into action. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please get in touch with Tracie Bertrand, Manager of Tourism for Haliburton County, at tbertrand@haliburtoncounty.ca.

Probe continues into cyber threat at Lindsay hospital

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Officials at Haliburton Highlands Health Services continue to work through a recent possible cybersecurity threat that affected operations at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay.

A suspected cybersecurity threat shut down information services at the hospital on Feb. 5. The incident forced the administration to declare a Code Grey just before 11 p.m.

A Code Grey is initiated at Ontario hospitals if there is a loss of a critical resource such as power, information technology, or communications.

Soon after the episode, the hospital retained third-party cybersecurity resources to work with on-site technical

experts to investigate the incident. That work is ongoing.

There has been no word that the cybersecurity incident was ransomware oriented.

"HHHS continues to work closely with our local and regional partners to support the investigation of the cybersecurity issue," said Carolyn Plummer, the health-care provider's CEO.

"We know that RMH is working hard on the investigation and we will share more information when we are able. In the meantime, HHHS is operating based on our established protocols to continue delivering services to the community."

Plummer said high-quality patient care is the priority of the hospital and HHHS.

The hospital's systems restoration plan is ongoing, and officials were communicating with local, regional, and provincial partners regarding next steps.



A new space for Mixtape

Owner of Mixtape Vintage Heidi Hudspeth recently moved the nostalgic clothing and housewares store to its new home, the lower level of 163 Highland Street, just below Country Pickin's. The store's grand opening will be on Saturday, Feb. 18 and will include activities for the whole family. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



CanSkating to success

Minden Skating Club CanSkate represented Haliburton County by participating in a fun Canskate challenge in Bobcaygeon on Saturday, Feb. 4. All were successful. From left, Ellie Nimigon, Caleb Mcelwain, Maddie Delahunt Morrow, Paisley Braun, Grace Thomas stand with their coach Ava Allaire. Absent from the photo is Elsie Murdoch. /Photo submitted



Love grows at the gardens

Organizers and volunteers welcome carnival-goers at Abbey Gardens on Saturday at Abbey Gardens' annual Cupid's Carnival on Saturday, Feb. 11. Kids and young-at-heart adults enjoyed a slew of events to take part in. From outdoor skating and archery to tobogganing and selfies with ponies, there was lots to do (and eat!). /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*



The Armstrong family were all laced-up to get some outdoor skating under sunny skies on Saturday.



Chris Talluri enjoyed some GT-ing with Isaac, 4, and Octavia, 3.



People hit the outdoor rink during Abbey Gardens' Cupid Carnival on Saturday.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

A troubled bridge over water

I'M SURE many people living on the east side of Koshlong Lake Road past the bridge have been "weary and feeling small" for the past couple of months.

The sentiment is there in Simon and Garfunkel's hit that won the Song of the Year award at the 1970 Grammys, but even Art Garfunkel's smooth tenor voice can't quite sing heavy vehicles from shore to shore of a wide section of the Burnt River for the indefinite future.

Even physically, Garfunkel is tall, but he's not tall enough to "lay me down like a bridge over troubled water."

Unlike the song, this is a troubled bridge over just plain water.

In all seriousness, the bridge does need to be replaced, according to Dysart officials.

It was built in 1960 and one of its support beams isn't just cracked, but broken.

Perhaps now is a good time to close the road for over 12 hours for seasonal residents that are staying far away from their frosty cottages, but it's not a great situation for year-round residents.

These permanent and seasonal residents of Koshlong Lake Road, as well as contractors, have faced a load limit of seven tonnes since Nov. 22, 2022 following the discovery of the beam damage.

At the same time, Dysart staff told council that a temporary bridge would have to go in.

"It should be a one-day job," said Rob Camelon, Dysart's director of Public Works, at this meeting, "but, until they get in there, they just won't know."

The time has come for that temporary bridge to be constructed. Thursday of this week, to be exact.

In James Matthews' story this week, *Koshlong Lake Road to close this week for*

bridge work, he outlined the details of the closure.

It will close Koshlong Lake Road from 7 a.m. until "around 8 p.m." on Feb. 16.

So, for those who live past the bridge and need to get anywhere on Thursday - work, school, appointments - it looks like they'll either need to pack an overnight bag on Wednesday or cancel all obligations for the next day.

This is the area of the county that I grew up in. I certainly know lots of people who will be more than inconvenienced this Thursday.

But this looks to be a step in the right direction, hopefully.

Dysart staff haven't made it known whether this temporary bridge will increase the weight limit or not.

Many residents have spoken out since November about how this weight limit has hindered their lives.

"Property owners are at greater risk in the event of power outages, forest fires, ice storms, and house fires," read

another story by Matthews about Dysart's Jan. 24 regular meeting of council.

Plows can't cross to clear snow and drop sand and salt on an already tumultuous road. Construction supplies can't be brought over to finish houses.

I also hope the installation doesn't surpass the estimated time, but again it will take as long as it takes.

"As many as 139 of those properties rely on the bridge as their sole access point," said a resident.

If you know one of these residents, now would be a good time to reach out and ask if they need assistance or to let them know they're being thought about - a lifeboat to keep them afloat during this time.



vivian collings

Editorial



Afternoon winter light. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Love

THIS IS a love story. Sort of. It's Valentine's Day.

I've been reading a book by Robert Holden called *Higher Purpose*. To sum it up, he says we all share the same purpose. To love ourselves, our families, our friends. All of life.

Our purpose is to love. Not to look for love, but to give love. I'm letting his suggestion land in my heart, and I contemplate it daily. It's easy to love people I love. It's harder to love people that are mean spirited, unkind, etc.

Maybe that is where the real work of love starts. Here is my love story for the day. I have a class that I teach every Wednesday morning at 11.

Some students have been with me for 10 years, some are new. Everyone is on Zoom except for a couple. The class is a blend of very gentle movement, energy medicine and meditation. We use "The Power of Eight" work by Lynne McTaggart to support all of us with the many challenges life is giving us (illness, recovering from injuries, supporting people in their dreams etc.).

This lovely Wednesday morning group is full of love. We often say as we practice that we are each love, sitting in the love. We are light, moving in the light.

Last week, we gathered, and I started the class with a reading. Part way through, I looked up at the screen and realized that the group was gone. I couldn't see anyone. My computer said I had no internet and yet the internet was working in the studio. I tried to fix it and stay calm (I had one student with me in the studio).

I tried to send an email to the group to say I was having problems, and it wouldn't go. I could feel myself getting worked up. I took a deep breath and decided I had to let it go and focus on the person in the room. So we sent our good wishes to everyone on zoom, and we did our own quiet little practice.

It was lovely, and I felt calm at the end. I got home an hour later and sent out a message to the group to apologize that I could not figure out what had happened. Within minutes, I got several replies from the Zoom members. They all said, "Oh, not to worry

Lynda, we had a great class. We took turns leading different parts. It was really lovely and we spent the whole hour together."

I just about fell over! I confirmed that they had stayed on my zoom account even though I wasn't there with them (I have since learned my new phone may have taken over for my computer so the

link was open on the phone).

Seriously, I do not love this technology, but I continue to embrace it and try. What I love about this story is that the group carried on without me, they loved each other, and trusted each other to create a lovely class for themselves. They had their class, and Julie and I had ours.

We all love this practice and recognize how it keeps us connected and supported. We focus on love and then we send it out into the world. To all beings who share this earth. And we know it makes a difference.

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A little hot air

JENN, "I SAID, "do we have any more of these extra-large garbage bags?"

"Main floor closet," she said, without even raising her eyes from the book she was reading.

"What about duct tape and twine?"

"Same place," she muttered.

"Hey, can I borrow that big wicker basket in the basement?"

"Sure," she replied.

"How about birthday candles and a lighter?" I then asked. "Do we have any?"

"Shelf over the fridge," she grumbled.

"Great, thank you," I said. "Hey, which cat would you miss the least?"

"I think probably Mumbles..." she answered.

"Great," I replied.

"Ca... ca... cat...?" she sputtered. "Duct tape? Twine? Candles? Lighter? Garbage bags? Miss the least? What have you done!?"

In fact, I had done nothing yet. And, frankly, there was no reason for the panic in her voice yet either. After all, it was not as if I was going to trigger an international incident that might cause fighter jets to scramble and air-to-air missiles to be launched.



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Loon Tales

No, all I planned on doing was making and releasing a simple hot air balloon.

Yet, even after I told her as much, Jenn still appeared a little perturbed. OK, a lot perturbed.

"A... a... hot air balloon," she said, while looking up towards the heavens. "Have you seen the news?"

"Relax," I said. I haven't even made it yet."

"So, Mumbles is still safely on the ground?"

"Of course," I said. "I'm waiting for the catnip to kick in."

"What are you thinking? Who in their right mind makes a hot air balloon for a cat?"

"You mean aside from someone desperately seeking more Instagram followers?" I answered.

"Yes," she snapped.

"No one," I replied. "But I am not making a hot air balloon for Mumbles," I said.

"You're not?" she replied.

"Heck no. That would be ridiculous."

She heaved a sigh of relief.

"I am making it for us," I continued. "You know, in case gas gets even more expensive. I just want to test the prototype on a simple, guileless creature first."

"Oh, thank heavens," she said. "Well, have fun, wear a helmet ..."

"I meant the cat," I replied.

"No," she said. "You will not send up any cat in a hot air balloon."

"What if the cat has already signed the consent form?" I winked.

"No," she said.

And, as if that were not enough, she also vetoed the idea of me sending Maggie, our other cat up, despite the fact that I promised to wrap her in a pillow and keep a trampoline at the ready below.

It occurred to me that this is how great ideas gets derailed.

If Jenn had been around, the inventors of the hot air balloon, the Montgolfier brothers, would have never sent up a goat, chicken, or duck in their first balloons. And then Francois Pilatr  de Rozier and Francois Laurent, Marquis of Arlanders, the first humans ever to take flight, would have never been the household names they are today.

So, I had to scrap the scaled down version of my hot air balloon, which featured a garbage bag balloon, a wicker basket platform, and a 30 birthday candles to produce the hot air required. It would have worked great too, had I been able to control the urge to blow out the candles and sing "Happy Birthday" every time it was lit. But, alas, it was not meant to be.

Jenn deemed the candle below a garbage bag a fire hazard. And she was apparently not in favour of me spending money on a cordless blow dryer either.

I thought it was a good idea, but after talking to her, I left deflated.



pic of the past

An unknown group of people posed at the home of Ferdinand and Amelia Sipe on Mountain Street, Haliburton, circa 1910. Amelia Sipe stands at the back right with son Gordon immediately in front of her, wearing the bowler hat. The photographer's shadow can be seen on the wall of the house. St. George's rectory is the building at left. The Sipe house still stands, beside St. George's Anglican Church. /Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Museum

letters to the editor

Open letter on Bill 23

Dear MPP Laurie Scott,

The 2018 "Made in Ontario Environment Plan" told the people of Ontario that "...climate change poses a serious threat to Ontario's natural areas and that conservation of these areas can play an important role in mitigating and adapting to climate change."

You and your colleagues promised to:

"... protect and enhance our natural areas, support conservation efforts, continue to conserve species at risk, develop adaptation strategies, and promote the importance of healthy natural spaces for future generations to use and enjoy."

"...improve the resilience of natural ecosystems by "collaborating with partners to conserve and restore natural ecosystems such as wetlands and ensure that climate change impacts are considered when developing plans for their protection."

Instead, despite widespread opposition, we now have Bill 23.

Bill 23:

- places increased planning responsibilities on municipalities whose budgets are already stretched to the breaking point and whose staff are often not properly trained and supported in making such decisions
- strips municipalities of the ability to hold developers to energy efficient standards in new buildings, which are crucial to meeting our climate targets
- burdens taxpayers with paying for essential services, such as sewers, roads, and other necessary infrastructure (because of the freeze on municipal development charges)
- encourages urban sprawl making residents more dependent on private cars for transportation, which will, in turn, further increase our greenhouse gas emissions
- will result in property damage from flooding and will negatively impact both surface and ground water quality

These are only a few of the negative impacts of Bill 23 in this letter. We encourage you to review Ontario Nature's recent analysis of the ecological impact of Bill 23.

Your Party says it understands and agrees that our ability to adapt to extreme weather events is dependent on resilient ecosystems and watersheds.

But the legislative action advanced in Bill 23 moves Ontario in the opposite direction.

Your Party says it embraces local food resiliency

as an essential climate adaptation strategy, but targets the very land that would make it possible to reduce dependency on vulnerable and carbon-intensive global food supply chains.

Remaining wetlands must not be developed.

Ontario, including Haliburton County, has already lost too many.

- Wetlands are essential to both adapting to the current climate and weather disruption as well as storing huge amounts of carbon that, if released, would make our future weather and climate much more dangerous.

- Wetlands are among the most productive and diverse ecosystems in the world, comparable to rain forests and coral reefs.

- Researchers, Tariq Aziz and Phillippe Van Cappellen at the University of Waterloo found in a recent study that wetlands provide an estimated \$4.2 billion worth of sediment and phosphorus filtration each year, helping to keep our drinking water, lakes and rivers clean. Aziz states: "Wetlands are earth's most valuable ecosystems; these diverse and complex systems provide enormous benefits to humans and other forms of life but are often overlooked."

Wildlife needs connectivity of habitat to survive and thrive.

Bill 23 will fragment the Greenbelt.

Ontario's Greenbelt was created in 2005 to prevent further loss of farmland and natural heritage and to restrict urban sprawl. Premier Ford also promised not to "touch the Greenbelt", when campaigning for election in 2018 and re-election in 2022.

Bill 23 will not effectively increase the supply of housing, let alone truly affordable housing.

According to your government's own analysis, the changes in this legislation will only create 50,000 of the 1.5 million homes needed and promised. The bill largely ignores the recommendations of the Province's own Housing Affordability Task Force, which pushed for an end to exclusionary zoning inside cities to ensure more housing supply and greater affordability in a mix of housing types located close to public transit, existing sewer and water infrastructure, jobs and services.

Ms. Scott, on behalf of Environment Haliburton!, I urge you, as our MPP, to honour the promises and commitments made in The Made in Ontario Environment Plan and speak out against Bill 23.

Susan Hay, President,
Environment Haliburton! (EH!)

Happy Valentine's Day!

Love through the ages

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

True love isn't always linear. Even if the love exists as a tiny seed, sometimes it takes years to blossom into something bigger.

That was the case for Gavin and Danielle Hicks. The couple were engaged in 2013, and married in 2014, before having their first child in 2016, and second in 2018. "I have my dream family, dream husband, dream house, dream job, what more could I ask for?" laughed Danielle, as the couple sat with the *Echo* during a rainy Thursday afternoon; sipping steamy coffees and reminiscing together.

But it wasn't always easy. Gavin and Danielle first met thirty years ago, when they attended Archie Stouffer School together. "I don't remember this, but my mom says I came home the first day I met Gav, and said to her, 'mom, I am going to marry him!'" shared Danielle.

Gavin echoed a similar sentiment. "I think it's safe to say that I fell in love with her in Grade 6. When we first started having dances at school. She would always be running around, dancing with everyone, and every so often she'd pop over and ask me to dance with her."

The two laughed that while they both knew they loved one another, even from a very young age, they were completely different people, and still are. "I am outgoing and kind of had a wild chapter," shared Danielle, "and Gav was always quiet, but he is so good. Just one of those people that's genuinely so good, right down to his soul."

After being the best of friends from kindergarten to Grade 12, they finally had their big chance to click as a couple during prom in high school. "I remember sitting in health class at Hal High, and I passed Gav a handwritten note that just said 'who are you going to prom with?' and he sent me one back that just said 'YOU!' in all capital letters."

While they shared a small kiss at prom, their lives started to shuffle around shortly after as they prepared to move on to post-secondary education, and leave the comfort of the Highlands behind. They both attended Algonquin College, Danielle for photography and Gavin for electrical engineering. During this time, they stayed best friends, and spent all their time together, but both alternated having different partners and priorities. "We still knew we loved each other, but also knew the timing wasn't right," said Danielle.

In 2009, after college, Danielle traveled to Australia to



Naia, Danielle, Rome, and Gavin Hicks are settled into the Haliburton Highlands for good now. /Photo by Eleanor Dobbins

continue exploring. During this time, the friends stayed in touch, talking daily and realizing more and more that they missed one another.

Upon returning to Canada in 2010, Danielle was surprised when Gavin picked her up at the airport. "I wasn't expecting it, but he just looked at me, pointed, and said 'You and me. We're doing this,'" she shared. "I knew I had to do it," Gavin echoed, "I knew if I didn't, I would lose her again. And I knew I didn't want that."

The two naturally shifted from best friends, to partners, and began to take life head-on together. "It was such a relief to just know we were together," Danielle

said. "I could finally just tell everyone how much I really loved him."

After getting together, the two moved back to Ottawa to return to school, before settling in Toronto for Gavin to do his electrical engineering apprenticeship. It was here that their relationship continued to be tested. "I knew I didn't want to be in the city. I had this vision of what I thought we could have there, but I was miserable." Shortly after getting engaged, Danielle moved back to Haliburton to plan the wedding, while Gavin stayed in Toronto to finish up his apprenticeship.

The two were married at Gavin's family home, and celebrated the wedding at Sir Sam's Ski Hill. Yet, Gavin was still working in Toronto, and Danielle was in the process of developing her own business, Danielle Meredith Photography, out of Haliburton.

"There were some tough times," she shared, "I was going back and forth to the city on weekends, and for the first little bit, after we had Rome [their son], I was doing the parenting on my own through the week."

Yet, the two held strong; adamantly supporting one another's dreams, goals, and overall happiness. After a few years of long distance, Danielle and Gavin have now settled into the community for good, and have no plans of leaving any time soon. Their two kids - Rome and Naia - are involved in hockey and dance, and they have a support system who they rely on for many things. "We couldn't do this all without our core friend group and families," said Danielle, "we are lucky to have them here."

When asked about advice for other couples, Danielle and Gavin both highlighted that communication is key. With two businesses, young kids, and constant changes, they shared that trust and open dialogue make their relationship tick. They also identified that their support groups - families, friends, and colleagues - make their lives a lot brighter.

Throughout the duration of the interview, the two held eye-contact; laughing at one another's jokes, and celebrating how far they've come together. While it hasn't always been easy, it's clear that it's always been love for Danielle and Gavin. From the early seeds of love thirty years ago at the Archie Stouffer playground, to full lives as parents and business owners here in the Haliburton Highlands, their love has only continued to blossom and grow, together.

Healthy relationships start with you

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

"We cannot be more connected to others than we are with ourselves," said Brené Brown, a world renowned social worker and American professor.

This is the approach Nancy Brownsberger takes when speaking with her clients about forming healthy relationships, an important message to hear this Valentine's Day.

Brownsberger, from Eagle Lake, is a registered social service worker who offers counseling/therapy through her practice, Grow Optimism.

"We can't have healthy relationships with others until we first have one with ourselves," she said. "One of the most important things that I like my clients to understand is their relationship with themselves; how they value themselves, how they're able to show up and express their needs and boundaries."

She outlined how many individuals make the mistake of depending on one partner to fulfill all of their needs.

"Not just one single person can meet all our needs. We need to meet our own needs, too," Brownsberger said. "Learning how to communicate our needs and hold space for ourselves in a gentle way is so important in relationships."

One of the best ways to do this is to establish a loving relationship with yourself before starting a long-term commitment with another person.

"The greatest thing for young adults, before you get into a relationship, is to learn who you are, what your needs are, and learn how to take care of yourself and

express your emotions and your boundaries."

For those already in relationships; "We need to have a reservoir of connection in our lives, whether that be with family, friends. We have to be really aware of the limitations with our partners."

Practicing integrity in any relationship is key to building trust. Our actions have to match our words.

Knowing and accepting that with different life events will come variations in relationships is important, too. Relationships aren't linear.

"Each of us in a lifetime are going to deal with a lot of different things; grief, crisis, pain, and it's important to allow for our connections to ebb and flow during these times," said the local life coach.

Sometimes you will be in the supportive role, and other times your partner will be supporting you.

Brownsberger and her husband, John Petrie, have been together for 37 years. Not only has she learned these things about love, she has also lived and experienced how critical they are first-hand.

She said laughter really is the best medicine and can bring us closer together.

"The number one thing in a 37 year relationship is humility and humour. The ability to laugh together is really important."

She recommended the *Book of Boundaries* by Melissa Urban and *The Love Prescription* by John and Julie Gottman for those already in relationships and seeking to strengthen them.

Compassion goes a long way, and "our capacity to have any authentic relationship is dependent on our ability to have some self-awareness."



Jon Petrie and Nancy Brownsberger have been together for 37 years. /Photo submitted

Happy Valentine's Day!

57 years built on a foundation of faith and family

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Perry and Kay Morrison are the perfect example of how essential commitment and respect are to cultivating a life-long relationship.

The West Guilford residents have been together for 57 years, and it's clear that their love is still strong. They have held on to each other through tough times and sailed through good times.

They raised a loving family within the walls of the house that Perry built over five decades ago; five decades of sipping tea and watching the sun rise over Pine Lake in their two chairs that sit side by side.

The doors of this home have always been open to friends and family, and the patient couple offer visitors a listening ear.

"Family is so important to us," said Kay. "I think it's very important for families to stay together and spend time together as much as they can."

As members of St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton, they said their faith has always been at the centre of their marriage.

Perry grew up on a farm on the north side of Maple Lake. He moved to Bowmanville for a few years, "but I never considered that home," he said.

Kay grew up in Detlor outside of Bancroft. She attended teacher's college in Peterborough.

Perry went to public school in SS #5 in



Perry and Kay Morrison sit in their home on Pine Lake, holding up their wedding photo from 1964. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Stanhope, a building that still stands on North Shore Road.

He was one of the first teens through the doors of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as a Grade 9 student in 1953.

"I came here to teach in West Guilford. I taught there for two years and boarded with Perry's aunt and uncle," Kay said, recalling how the pair met in the early 60s.

It was the very first place she taught after going to college. She then travelled to Sandy Lake in Northern Ontario to teach for two years.

Upon her return, they were married in Bancroft in 1964.

Kay was 24 and Perry was 26.

Perry built their house with the help of family four years after they were married on waterfront farmland bought from his aunt and uncle.

"We started to build on July 1, '68, and we moved in July 1, '69," he said.

There were only nine residences on Pine Lake in total at the time.

"There certainly weren't all of these places when we moved here. This was a hay field," Kay said, but the two didn't mind watching the developments pop up around them. "More people has never been a problem. We have been very fortunate with our neighbours and are so blessed with the community we have here."

Their three children, Nora, Gerald,

and Jean, were all raised in the Pine Lake house.

"The lake was certainly a big part of everyone's childhood, the children and our grandchildren. They all learned to swim here," Kay said.

Perry would take them fishing, horse-back riding, hunting, or help them with new projects like tapping maples to boil syrup.

Perry joked that the 57 years they've been married have been "too many," making Kay chuckle, but it's evident that the pair are more than content to be by the other's side. Between their own hobbies, they've always made time for each other.

"Perry and I do spend quite a bit of time playing card games or Crokinole together these days. I do think it's important for husband and wife to do things together, and it also keeps our minds very active."

Perry added with a smile and wink, "I'd be better if this one quit cheating, though."

Although they've been held back from some in-person activities they once enjoyed due to health reasons, they still attend Sunday church service virtually, and family is still at the centre of their lives.

"We've been so blessed with the family we have," Perry said.

Their steadfast love and unwavering commitment is something we can all learn from this Valentine's Day.

'It just clicked' – 37 years of love stories

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

It's a drizzly February day, but the environment inside Allan Guinan and Chris Rock's home is warm, cozy, and safe. The couple have been together for 37 years, and as they sit by the crackling fire with dogs curled up at their feet, they share with the *Echo* their love story.

They met in 1986. When asked about their first meeting, they said simultaneously, "It was January 28." They recalled the day like it was yesterday. They had been introduced by mutual friends at a party that was held for designers in Toronto. Both worked in the design industry, and were in the process of finding their footing in a new city.

"We met at the end of January, and moved in together at the beginning of May," Allan chuckled, claiming that "when you know, you know."

They shared how they settled in together in a small apartment, above an H & R Block in the city. "There was a rooftop there, no, not a rooftop patio," laughed Chris, "but it was a roof we would climb on, and we hosted parties and friends up there all the time."

At this time, the two were in their mid-20s, so money was inconsistent, yet they reflected on the joys of entertaining and the rustic nature of this chapter. "We would find paintings that were dumped on the side of the road and bring them back to the apartment," recalled Allan, "it was an eclectic style, but it was fun. We made it a cute little home for us."

Allan was originally from Winnipeg, and settled into Toronto in 1985, and Chris immigrated to Canada from England in 1982 – just as a recession was hit-



Chris and Allan celebrate Valentine's with their dogs Jambo and Ido. The couple have been together for 37 years, and are looking forward to many more. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

ting. The couple claim that the shared experiences of settling into a different community was something that made their relationship stronger. "We both had different backgrounds," said Chris, "but we had shared experiences, and similar family values, so it just clicked."

After settling into their first home in Toronto, the two began to brainstorm ways in which they could find an "escape." They both valued the hustle and bustle of the city for their social lives and career paths, but dreamt of an opportunity to find tranquility elsewhere.

"It was either take up sailing or find a cottage," laughed Allan. And apparently, after one sailing lesson, it became very apparent that a cottage was the right direction. "We had a list of everything we would want on a cottage property; rocks, a quiet lake, big trees, lots of privacy," said Chris. "We made the list, and then sort of forgot about it, then, once we had

settled into our cottage, we found it again, and realized that what we had found, it checked every single box."

The two shared that finding the cottage was serendipitous. They had a friend from a shop they frequented who knew of some properties in the Haliburton region. Upon going up to visit, the property they bought was the second one they saw. It was love at first sight.

The property went on to be the spot Allan proposed to Chris, right after gay marriage became legal in Canada. They were married in 2006, at the Domain of Killien on Drag Lake. "I knew this was something I always wanted," said Allan, "I knew I wanted to be married to someone, to be this level of committed to someone, but for the first time, this was actually possible. Now, we could actually be recognized just like any other couple in love." They shared that for many of their guests, their wedding was one of first gay

weddings they had ever attended, and the feedback they received was that it all just felt so natural. "For the first time, our families were meeting our friends, and seeing us all together, and everyone said that it just looked like the perfect natural step, after so many years together," Chris recalled.

Allan echoed his sentiment. Having come from a Catholic family, Allan's journey wasn't always smooth. He shared that while his family loved and supported him, the idea of him marrying another man was a difficult hurdle for some members of his family to overcome. Yet, seeing the joy he and Chris shared on their wedding day helped remediate those concerns. It was love, through and through.

The couple turned their old cottage into a full-time residence in 2017, and have lived there ever since; leaving behind the city, and opting for hikes, skiing, and entertaining on their home that overlooks a quiet lake. Their advice to others in love is that a good relationship takes hard work, perseverance, and commitment. As the two look back on their nearly forty years of highs, lows, and growth together, they beam with admiration, support, and love for one another. "Our shared history becomes precious," smiled Chris, "we have a full bank of memories together."

Don't despair, SIRCH repairs

Doug Norris works on fixing a lamp at SIRCH's first Repair Cafe of 2023 on Sunday, Feb. 12 at the SIRCH Bistro. Community members were able to bring in clothing, electronics, ceramics and glassware, and appliances to be fixed free of charge by volunteers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next Repair Cafe will take place on March 25 at the Minden Community Centre. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Kristen Nichol and Rick Elliot share a laugh while working on fixing a Dyson vacuum cleaner.



Jenn Craig fixes a porcelain figure at SIRCH's first Repair Cafe of 2023.



Percy McBain was beaming after his chainsaw was fixed by volunteers.

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All-in at the Forest

Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve hosted 730 participants for its 32nd annual Charity Poker Run on Saturday, Feb. 11. The day-long event allowed for visitors to ride the trails on the Haliburton Forest property with stops for refreshments and to collect tokens along the way. At the end of the day, tokens were handed in for riders to draw a poker hand. The prize for best hand was a brand new snowmobile. All proceeds collected went towards the Haliburton Figherfighters Association. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*



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Fire and Ice, food and drink fundraiser returns

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Supporting the Minden community this winter can be as enjoyable as sipping on tasteful cocktails and eating fine foods.

Head over to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Sunday, Feb. 19 to support their community programming by attending Fire and Ice, a yearly event put on by the Cultural Centre's foundation.

The fundraiser event will feature a series of cocktails and mocktails from EAT Cheeserie and Cocktails and locally-made beer from Boshkung Brewing.

"It's great to be able to get together for this community fundraiser once again. It is always a memorable night in Minden, and a great opportunity to experience the culinary culture of our region," said Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation board member Emily Stonehouse.

In the past, Fire and Ice had primarily been a scotch-tasting event, so the MHCCF is excited to bring more drinks to the mix.

There will also be fine foods from Minden-based restaurants for attendees to enjoy and sample throughout the night.

Fire and Ice will take place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 7 to 10 p.m. on Feb. 19 and is a 19+ event.

Tickets are available at local businesses in Minden for \$40 which includes one non-alcoholic drink and food. Additional drink tickets will be available at the event.

For a full list of where to find Fire and Ice tickets, visit www.mhccf.ca.



EAT Cheeserie and Cocktails offers a warm, welcoming space to enjoy tasteful cocktails. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Allana Ziojen, cocktail bartender at EAT in Minden, holds up an old fashioned.

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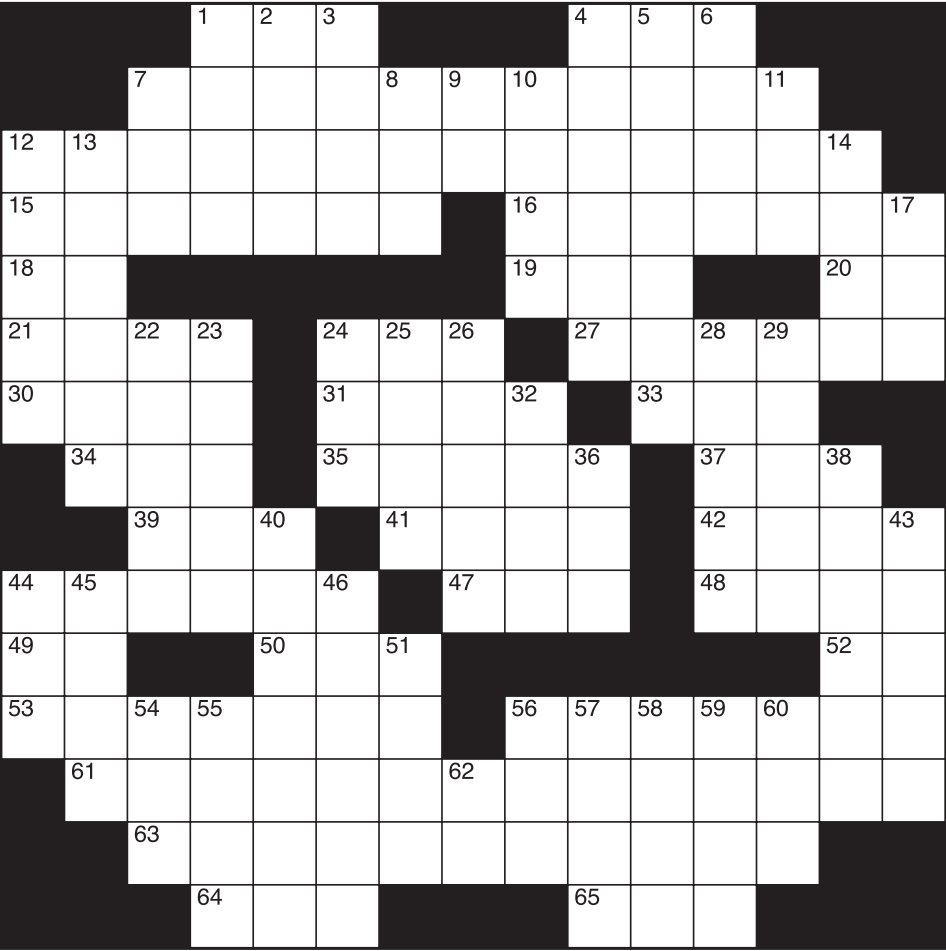
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 - 12. Unique traits
 - 15. Lady
 - 16. Dismayed
 - 18. Railway
 - 19. Type of whale
 - 20. Sodium
 - 21. Manning and Lilly are two
 - 24. Where golfers begin
 - 27. Entrapped
 - 30. Influential punk artist
 - 31. Hebrew calendar month
 - 33. Car mechanics group
 - 34. Undesirable rodent
 - 35. Minneapolis suburb
 - 37. Witch
 - 39. Get free of
 - 41. A written proposal or reminder
 - 42. British School
 - 44. Country on west coast of Africa
 - 47. Cool!
 - 48. Information
 - 49. __ route
 - 50. Jim Nantz's network
 - 52. Something to register (abbr.)
 - 53. Give cards incorrectly
 - 56. One who's learning on the job
 - 61. Stevenson adventure novel
 - 63. Taking careful notice
 - 64. CNNOs founder
 - 65. Speak badly of

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. A person with unusual powers of fore-sight
 - 2. Single sheet of glass
 - 3. Portrays a character
- 4. Expresses happiness
 - 5. Acquires
 - 6. "The Martian" author
 - 7. Degree
 - 8. 60-minute intervals
 - 9. A detective's pal
 - 10. Group of nations (abbr.)
 - 11. Popular Georgia rockers
 - 12. Fencing swords
 - 13. Basement
 - 14. Samoan monetary unit
 - 17. Male parent
 - 22. Finnish lake
 - 23. A smooth fabric
 - 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
 - 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
 - 26. Very willing
 - 28. Expressed pleasure
 - 29. Lasso
 - 32. Hindu model of ideal man
 - 36. Move your head in approval
 - 38. Ill-__: gained illegally
 - 40. Die
 - 43. Accused publicly
 - 44. Precious stone
 - 45. Individual thing or person
 - 46. Behaved in a way that degraded
 - 51. Derogatory term
 - 54. No seats available
 - 55. Liability
 - 56. Popular beverage
 - 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
 - 58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
 - 59. Troubles
 - 60. Negative
 - 62. Camper
- Answers on page 16

Power outages and a 90th birthday party

community news
west guilford
Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Feb. 4 began with -35 celsius at about midnight with a hydro outage. Propane firing failed in heating here. Various home generators couldn't start because of the cold. Gerald and Barb Morrison rescued me to get warm in front of their wood stove in their living room area until the hydro came back between 10 a.m. and noon.

A birthday party at Stanhope Community Centre was planned for that afternoon. Fortunately that building was not affected by power failure. A gathering of about fifty had already met ahead of the arrival of Helga Wolm, the guest of honour, in surprising her on her 90th birthday. Birthday greetings were sung, then

all were invited to partake of the generous spread of luncheon goodies and to chat with guests in happy conversation. Susan Warren, Denise Wolm and Doris Wolm, her three daughters, were there as well as other close relatives to Helga's delight.

Back in January, Andy Cooper hosted a Burns Night party at his own place in Duncan, B.C. Many guests brought instruments and performed with singing in an informal jam session. Haggis wasn't available so a pie was piped in, and George (who happened to be in Kamloops at the time) addressed it in true Scottish style.


Sorry to report the accident at McIvor's when Ann fell downstairs and broke a leg and her collar-bone. She is in Lindsay hospital for treatment at present.

Quite shocking to hear on Thursday that David Bain died on Tuesday. What grief for Janet and his friends and many relatives. Along with the community all of us send out heartfelt sympathy to Janet in this great loss.



A night at the opera

A full house for the Opera Movie Night on Feb. 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. The event was coordinated as a part of their Highlands Opera youth/young adult opera club, and featured Le nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro). For more information, visit @highlandsopera on Instagram. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Municipality of Dysart et al
Notice of Proposed Sale of Municipal Land

Take notice that the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al intends to pass a by-law to dispose of certain lands that have been declared as surplus described in Schedule "A" hereto.

And further notice that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands to Robert Lee and/or his assigns.

And further notice that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 21st day of February 2023.

And further take notice that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting on the 28th day of February 2023.

Dated at Haliburton and published this 14th day of February 2023.
Mallory Bishop, Clerk mbishop@dysartetal.ca

Schedule "A"
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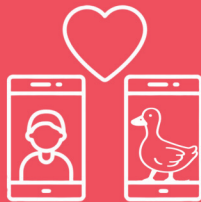
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Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel returns with great success

On Feb. 4, and 5, 16 teams and 64 curlers came together with members of the Haliburton club to participate in the Todd's Independent Mixed Invitational Bonspiel. It was great to be back bonspieling again after a three year hiatus due to COVID-19 health measures. Clubs represented were Oshawa, York Newmarket, Richmond Hill, The Royals, Brampton, High Park, West Northumberland, and Haliburton.

Members of the curling teams and spectators had an enjoyable weekend of curling, fellowship, fun and food. Many thanks to the following sponsors: Todd's Independent Grocers, Phyllis Woodcock, a lifetime member, Minden Subaru, Superior Propane and first time sponsor, Haliburton Generators sourced by Power Forward Electric. Phyllis' daughter, Sandra Oakley, wrote a short memoir about her mom and how she had organized this bonspiel for over 21 years from its start in 1969, first named the *Carnival Bonspiel* during the Rotary Winter Carnival weekend.

The trophy game of the "A" Event was won by the team from High Park skipped by Matt Glandfield, vice, Emily Vanderkruk, second, Chris Wai and lead, Jane Almey. They were a solid team all weekend. Runners up were from York Newmarket skipped by Mark Simpson, vice, Nadine Simpson, second, Dave Jones and lead, Tanya Whittaker. Mark and Nadine were unable to make the Sunday games so Chrissie and David DeLyzer from Haliburton were a wonderful substitution and played great in both the semi finals and finals.

Another great game was between two teams from York Newmarket for the "B" event trophy. The team skipped by Darrell Cain, vice, Sharen Cain, second, Frank Coschi and lead, Nancy Coschi took home the trophy. Runners up were skipped by Erika Buhlman, vice, Mark Buhlman, second, Steve Bilsland and lead, Denise Bilsland.

Winning team of the "C" event was a team from Richmond Hill skipped by Michael Tambosso, vice, Mary Tambosso, second, Gilles Philippe and lead, Heather Philippe. Runners up were from Oshawa skipped by Derek Ferlatte, vice, Kristy Seminsky, second, Mike Millar and lead, Jennifer Howard.

Both teams playing for the "D" event were from the West Northumberland Curling Club in Cobourg. Winning team was skipped by Wayne Brander, vice, Lori Wynsma, second, John Wynsma and lead, Lori Brander. Runner up was skipped by Dean Coates, vice, Christine Sleeman-Pogue, second, Bruce Pogue and lead Jane Coates.

Bonspiel convenor, Mary Hillaby and her team of Sue Mason, Glenn Scott, Wendy Hewson and Jackie Bradbury want to thank the sponsors, local businesses and individuals that graciously contributed items for an amazing raffle table: Sir Sam's Ski Hill, Glecoff's Family Store, Country Pickin's, Blush Hair Design, The Wine Store Minden, Jackie Bradbury, Maple Tap & Grill, Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant, Halco The Source, Up River Trading, Remember Quilts and More, Country Rose, TimberMart, Haliburton Clothing Company, Butter-milk Falls Resort, Highland Brewing, Fielding Wines, Till Death Barbeque, Nancy Hughes, Chrissie DeLyzar, Abbey Gardens, Brian Rutherford, McKeck's, Tiffany Lawson, Wendy Hewson, and Lakeside Golf Course. Efforts from wonderful kitchen helpers and many members of the Day Ladies league who baked goods and made sandwiches helped contribute to the spiel's success.

All teams commented on the terrific ice surface that was maintained by ice technicians, John Watson, Ron Draper and help from Doug Wagg.

Good curling to all!

Submitted by Mary Hillaby



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A big thank you to the Ambulance guys who carefully and kindly helped Don – you folks are amazing.

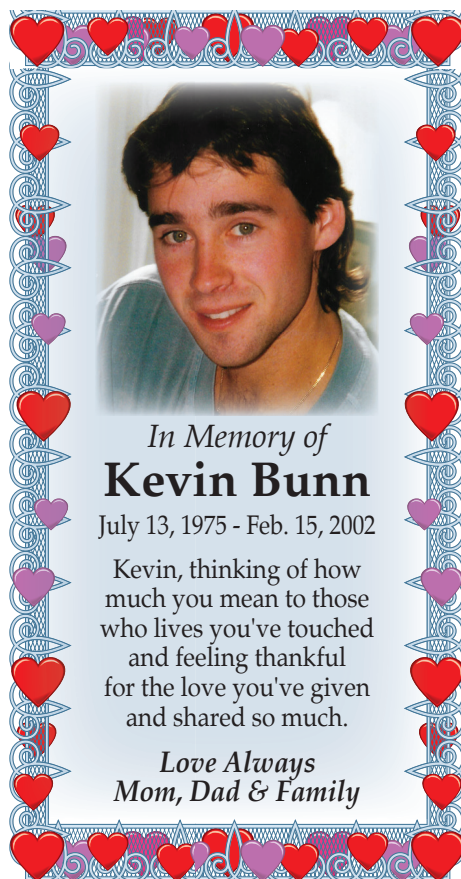
A very special thank you to the nurses and staff in palliative care unit at the Haliburton hospital.

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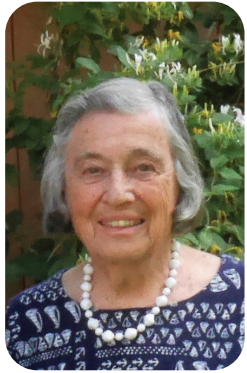
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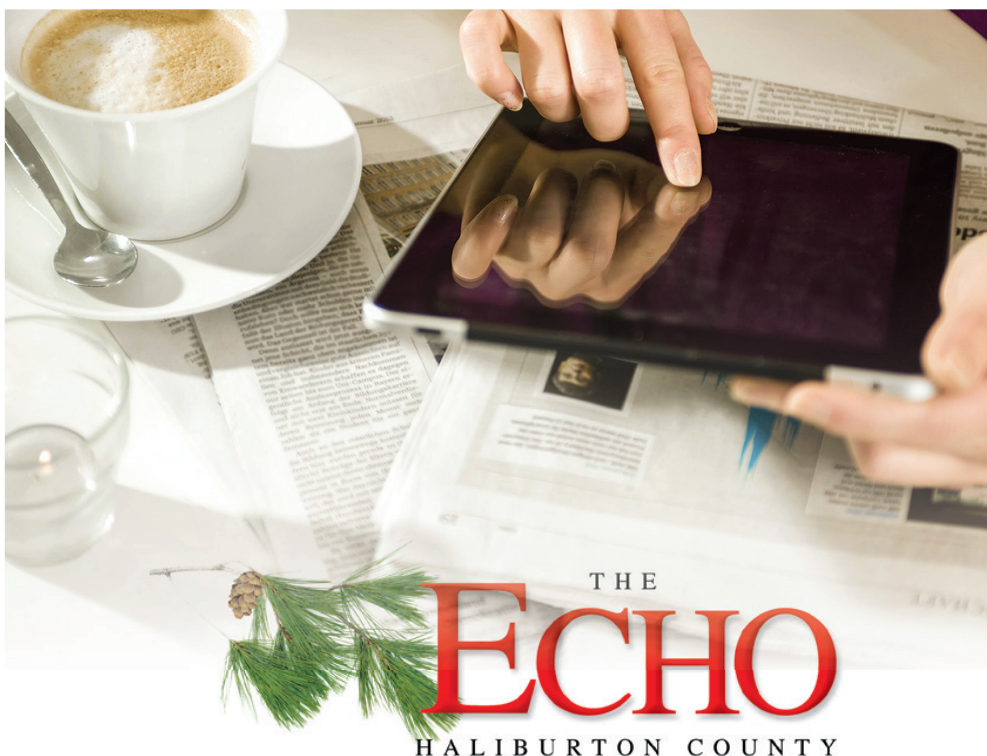
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It is with hearts full of fond memories and immense gratitude that we say goodbye to our matriarch, Bernice alias GG. Predeceased by her spouse Cam, she leaves behind her daughters Susan (Ross MacDonald), and Sandy (Dan Ambridge). Grandchildren Katie, Alex, Emily, Amelia, and Max as well as her 6 great-grandchildren. Bernice was born in New Lowell and raised in Toronto. She met her husband Cam at the "Balmy Beach Club". They built their cherished cottage on Kushog Lake in 1955 and moved to Haliburton Village in 1976. Bernice was a proud Haliburtonian. Her pride in this village was surpassed perhaps only by her fabulous garden and of course her family. The door of her heritage home was always open to friends and family. She lived the last few years of her life at Haliburton Extencare where she was once a volunteer. Though we will miss our GG dearly, we are left with a legacy of memories, hilarious stories, colloquialisms, recipes, and knitting patterns.

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Province re-instates tax rebate for forest owners

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton forest owners are calling the province's decision to temporarily re-instate a program that pays them a rebate on their property taxes an important step on the way to fairer taxation.

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson announced Friday the province is bringing back the Managed Forest Tax Rebate "as an interim measure until the property tax system is reformed."

The rebate program will pay qualifying landowners a property tax rebate of 75 per cent, up to a maximum of \$25,000.

The province is setting aside \$4-million to fund the rebate program for 1996. Should landowners apply for rebates totalling more than that, the province says it will have to cut the rebate level per landowner.

At the same time, Hodgson announced the MNR's Private Forest Sustainability Fund will be cut in half, down to \$1-million from \$2-million.

Local forest owners are "cautiously" hoping the re-instatement of the rebate program shows the Tories' commitment to overhaul a system they say unfairly taxes their lands at residential rates.

"Every government for the past 25 years has promised they would come up with a fairer taxation system for woodlot owners ... Hopefully with this Progressive Conservative government, we're going to get some solutions, finally," said Peter Schleifenbaum, who attended Friday's Ontario Forestry Association conference in Toronto where Hodgson announced his government's decision.

"The good thing is they've come from ground zero and taken a step. Governments have been notorious for stumbling on

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A weekend of riding...

The radar runs were the most popular feature of Winterfest this past weekend in Haliburton. Most of the action centred on Head Lake as countless winter enthusiasts took advantage of the perfect snow conditions. For more photos see page 21

And there's more...

This weekend, more than 200 women will converge in Haliburton for the second annual Women on Snow. During a weekend of riding the trails and exploring the county, they will raise money for Easter Seals and local organizations. This year's goal is \$16,000



Board gets good grade on special ed.

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's school board will have to continue paying now, if it wants to save later on the costs of delivering special education, says a consultant.

Dr. Anne Jordan was contracted by the board to examine its special education program and determine whether there is room for savings in the way the board educates exceptional students (children with behavioral and learning disabilities, as well as those deemed "gifted.")

Jordan, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in Toronto, told board members at their meeting two weeks ago she doesn't believe there is any way for the board to cut the costs of delivering spe-

Consultant's main concern is too many kids are being identified

cial education to meet present needs without decreasing the quality of service.

Instead, she recommends the board maintain its current level of spending, but redirect its focus from administrative time spent on the identification and review of exceptional students to teacher training and support.

Improving staff skills through increased training would eventually lead to a reduction in the number of students who are identified as exceptional, in turn reducing special education spending, says Jordan's report.

"The message financially of course is short-term pain for

long-term gain," she told trustees.

Haliburton's school board has identified a very high number of its students as exceptional compared to the rest of the province, said Jordan.

The identification rate across Haliburton's school system is close to 2.5 times higher than the provincial average, which places about nine per cent of the students as exceptional.

Almost 23 per cent of the board's elementary school students have been identified by the time they move on to high school, says Jordan.

In part, she says, the high

identification rate stems from "a prevailing myth" that identifying students will ensure they do not miss out on the proper care when they either move on to the next school or to a different school system.

"The elementary schools in some cases are identifying students as exceptional in Grade 1 and 2 before the outcome of primary literacy training can be reliably predicted," says Jordan's report.

Also contributing to the board's unusually high number of identified students, maintains Jordan, is a belief of principals that they will receive additional resources, including Educational Assistants (EAs), if they have more exceptional students in their school.

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